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NOTES IN SEASON.

GINN & Co. have in press a "Geometry Tablet for Written Exercises," for use with any text-book, by Wooster Woodruff Beman and David Eugene Smith.

PLATT & BRUCE, N. Y. City, are bringing out Stanley J. Weyman's "The King's Strata-gem" in one sixteenmo volume, bound in buckram, gilt top and rough edges. It is a collection of six short stories, some historical, some wholly imaginary, all marked with the author's well-known characteristics.

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS have in preparation a new child's story, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, entitled "Two Little Pilgrims' Progress—a story of the City Beautiful." It is of about the same length as "Fauntleroy," and will be issued in the same style. They have in press a new and revised edition of Mommsen's "History of Rome," which will be printed from new plates.

E. SCOTT CO., 146 W. 23d Street, New York, will publish in September an "Equal Suffrage Calendar for 1896." The calendar will be neatly mounted on tastefully decorated board 7 x 7 inches, and contain extracts for each day on the subject of equal suffrage selected from the writings of the best authors. The back of the "mount" will show a calendar for the year, postal and other information.

JOHN MURPHY & Co. announce as in press "Thoughts and Counsels for Women of the World," by Le Courtier, Bishop of Montpelier, translated from the French by Maria Clotilda Redfern; "Bound Together," six short plays for home and school, by Rosa and Clara Mulholland; "Yarns," a series of twelve bright stories and sketches, by Alice Turner; "How to Speak Latin," dialogues with English translations, by Prof. Stephen B. Wilby; and "Roman Martyrology," originally published by order of Pope Gregory XIII. and revised and augmented by several of the most noted of his successors in the Roman See.

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co. have in preparation "A Dollar of 1804, and other stories," by Charles Miner Thompson, of editorial staff of the *Youth's Companion*. Warranted by the success of the "Masterpieces of American Literature," which Houghton, Mifflin & Co. issued a few years ago at the request and under the direction of the supervisors of the public schools of the city of Boston, the same publishers announce for immediate issue a book entitled "Masterpieces of British Literature." This book will be a companion volume to the "Masterpieces of American Literature." It has been prepared with great care, and in accordance with the suggestions of prominent educators who have used the "American Masterpieces," a book which has met with the greatest success as a reader in the higher classes of grammar schools, and in classes of literature in high schools and academies.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY will publish on Sedan Day (September 2)—of which the twenty-fifth anniversary is to be made a special festival by Germans the world over—a biographical novel by Dr. Eugene Coleman Savidge, entitled "The American in Paris." Dr. Savidge has made a comprehensive picture of the military and diplomatic phases of the Franco-Prussian War, including the battle of Sedan, the siege and Commune of Paris, and has woven them into a romance which throws into prominence not only the figures but the actual authenticated utterances of Bismarck, Moltke, William I., Napoleon III., Eugénie, Favre, Thiers, Gambetta, MacMahon, Bazaine, Louise Michel, and the Americans Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and Washburne. They have just ready, in six handsome volumes, a new complete edition of the works and letters of Charles Lamb. Each volume contains several etched portraits either of Lamb or of one of his contemporaries.

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- ***Abrahams, Israel, and Montefiore, Claude G.** Aspects of Judaism: sixteen sermons. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 259 p. 12°, buckram, \$1.50. [2752]
- Adeney, Walter F.** The song of Solomon and The lamentations of Jeremiah. N. Y., A. C. Armstrong & Son, 1895. 4+346 p. (Expositor's Bible, 8th ser.) cl., \$1.50. [2753]
- Argles, Mrs. Marg.,** ["The Duchess," pseud.; now Mrs. Hungerford.] The red house. N. Y. and Chic., Rand, McNally & Co., [1895.] c. '93, '94. 3-259 p. D. (Globe lib., no. 209.) pap., 25 c. [2754]
- ***Arizona Territory.** Acts, resolutions and memorials of the eighteenth legislative assembly; session begun on the 21st day of Jan., A.D. 1895. Phoenix, Herald Book and Job Print, 1895. no c. 153 p. O. shp., \$1.25. [2755]
- ***Baker, F. Grenfell.** The model republic: a history of the rise and progress of the Swiss people. N. Y., imported by C: Scribner's Sons, 1895. 5+550 p. 8°, cl., net, \$5. [2756]
- ***Balzac, Honoré de.** Novels. V. 2, The Chouans (*Les Chouans*); tr. by Ellen Marriage; with introd. by G: Saintsbury. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 270 p. il. 12°, silk, \$1.50. [2757]
- Bates, Mrs. Lindon W.** Bunch-grass stories. Phil., J. B. Lippincott Co., 1895. c. 4-268 p. D. cl., \$1.25. [2758]
Contents: Resurrection on the Umpqua; The substitute; The great concern; Inspiration at the cross-roads; The black shell; Taken in at Oarés; The Mavericks of the trail; A transferred town.
- ***Booth, C., ed.** Life and labour of the people of London. V. 5 and 6. Population classified by trade. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 409; 383 p. 8°, cl., ea., \$3. [2759]
- ***Browne, Rev. G: Forrest.** Off the mill: some occasional papers. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 271 p. 12°, cl., \$2. [2760]
- Caine, T: H: Hall.** The bondman: a new saga. N. Y. and Chic., Rand, McNally & Co., 1895. 3-357 p. D. (Globe lib., v. 1, no. 214.) pap., 25 c. [2761]
- ***Cervantes Saavedra, Miguel de.** The ingenious gentleman Don Quixote, of La Mancha; done into English by H: E: Watts. New ed., with notes original and selected. In 4 v. 4. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 414 p. 8°, cl., \$2. [2762]
- Collins, Mrs. E. Burke.** Mam'selle, a modern heathen; a novel. Phil., W: J. Benners, jr., 1895. c. 246 p. D. (Constance ser., no. 1.) pap., 25 c. [2763]
Some of the scenes depict life in the Louisiana pine woods, others are laid in New Orleans. The heroine, a young girl called "Mam'selle," reared in the very heart of the backwoods, with no advantages, and with no book but Shakespeare's plays, proves to be a born actress. The story goes to show that genius is inherited, and that a human creature once endowed with the divine spark cannot fight against destiny.
- ***Colorado.** Laws passed at the 10th session of the general assembly, convened at Denver on the 2d day of Jan., A.D. 1895; pub. by authority. Denver. The Smith-Brooks Pr. Co., st. prs., 1895. c. 345 p. O. hf. shp., \$1. [2764]
- Cooke, Flora J.** Nature myths and stories for little children. New rev. ed. Chic., A. Flanagan, [1895.] c. 102 p. D. cl., 30 c.; bds., 25 c.; pap., 20 c. [2765]
Animal and bird stories, cloud and flower stories; insect stories, sun myths, tree stories, etc., adapted from or suggested by standard books of mythology and poetry; have been tested and found to be very helpful in the first and third grades.
- ***Courthope, W: J:** A history of English poetry. V. 1, The middle ages; Influence of the Roman empire; The encyclopædic education of the church; The feudal system. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 8°, cl., \$2.50. [2766]
- ***Davies, A. M.** A handbook of hygiene. Phil., J. B. Lippincott Co., 1895. 509 p. il. 16°, \$4. [2767]
- ***Davis, Ethel.** When love is done: a novel. Bost., Estes & Lauriat, 1895. c. 5+301 p. 12°, cl., \$1.25. [2768]
- ***Defoe, Dan.** Romances and narratives; ed. by G. A. Aitken; il. by J. B. Yeats. In 16 v. V. 6, Life, adventures, etc., of Captain Singleton. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 8°, cl., \$1; limited ed., \$1.75. [2769]
- Denison, C., M.D.** Exercise and food for pulmonary invalids. Denver, Col., The Chain and Hardy Co., 1895. 2-71 p. S. cl., 35 c. [2770]
Author, as professor of diseases of the chest and of climatology, in the University of Denver, writes from a long and wide experience. The two essays comprising the little book are rich in practical details.
- ***Easel, Jack.** Our square and circle; or, the annals of a little London house. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 268 p. 12°, cl., \$1.75. [2771]
- ***Fetter, Norman.** Illustrative cases upon equity jurisprudence. St. Paul, West Pub. Co., 1895. c. 8+238 p. O. pap., \$3.50. [2772]
- ***G., G.** Sporting stories and sketches. N. Y., imported by C: Scribner's Sons, 1895. 6+268 p. pl. 12°, cl., \$2.25. [2773]
- Green, Mason A.** Are we losing the West? Bost., C: E. Brown & Co., [1895.] c. 31 p. nar. D. pap., 10 c. [2774]
An appeal to the Eastern states. The writer says he has made an effort, without burdening his brochure with figures either of statistics or rhetoric, to state,

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sharply but candidly, why the West has definitely determined not to follow the East any longer on the question of silver.

Hanson, S. C. Golden glees: a collection of songs; including the science of vocal music for schools, institutes, and singing classes. Chic., A. Flanagan, 1895. c. 160 p. obl. D. bds., 35 c. [2775]

***Harker, Alfred.** Petrology for students: an introduction to the study of rocks under the microscope. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 306 p. 12°, (Cambridge natural science manuals.) cl., net, \$2. [2776]

***Hertwig, Oscar.** The cell outlines of general anatomy and physiology; tr. by M. Campbell; ed. by H. Johnstone Campbell. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 16+368 p. il. 8°, cl., net, \$3. [2777]

Hopkins, E. Washburn. The religions of India. Bost., Ginn & Co., 1895. c. 10+612 p. O. (Handbooks on the history of religions, ed. by Morris Jastrow, jr., v. 1.) cl., \$2.20. [2778]

The initial volume of a new series for the general reader and the student. The general aim of the series is to bring together the ascertained results of scholarship. A uniform plan of treatment will be followed in the various volumes. After the introduction, which is devoted in each volume to a setting forth of the sources and the method of study, a chapter follows on the land and the people; next the beliefs are presented, including the pantheon, the relation to the gods, views of life and death, the rites—both official ones and the popular customs—the religious literature and architecture, a general estimate of the religion, its history, etc. The narrative is richly annotated. Full bibliography—(23 p.). Index.

Howard, J. The mystic circle of Kate's Mountain, 1860-1895. [In memoriam—Miss Belle R. Harrison.] Richmond, Va., [West, Johnston & Co.,] 1895. c. 3-24 p. O. pap., 25 c. [2779]

A reprint of a poem first published in 1860 for private distribution, describing an excursion to Kate's Mountain made by a party of Southerners of wealth and distinction, staying at that time at Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, of Virginia. The present edition is printed in memory of one of the party, Miss Belle R. Harrison, who died in April, 1895.

Howliston, Mary H. Cat-tails, and other tales. Chic., A. Flanagan, [1895.] c. 2-138 p. il. D. (Teacher's helper, v. 2, no. 2.) cl., 40 c.; pap., 25 c. [2780]

A series of stories and myths for supplementary reading, class instruction, etc.; intended to create an interest in natural science; within the comprehension of second and third grade pupils.

***Jack, Adolphus Alfred.** Thackeray: a study. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 193 p. 12°, cl., \$1.50. [2781]

***Jones, Rev. Harry.** Fifty years; or, dead leaves and living seeds. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 228 p. 12°, cl., \$1.50. [2782]

***Kocher, Theodore, M.D.** Text-book of operative surgery; tr. with the special authority of the author; from the 2d rev. and enl. German ed., by Harold J. Stiles. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 303 p. 8°, cl., net, \$3.50. [2783]

Kuphal, Otto. The idiomatic study of German. 1st ser.: lessons, exercises, notes, and vocabulary. N. Y., G. Gottsberger Peck, 1895. c. 6+274 p. D. hf. leath., \$1.75. [2784]

***Lamb, C.** Essays of Elia; ed., with introd. and notes, by N. L. Hallward and S. C. Hill. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 47+370 p. 12°, cl., net, 50 c. [2785]

***Lamb, Horace.** Hydrodynamics. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 604 p. 8°, cl., net, \$6.25. [2786]

***Lear, E.** The book of nonsense. 13th ed., with all the original pictures and verses. N. Y., F. Warne & Co., 1895. obl. 4°, cl., \$2. [2787]

***Leland, C.** Godfrey ["Hans Breitmann," pseud.], comp. Legends of Florence; collected from the people and retold by C. Godfrey Leland. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 271 p. 12°, cl., \$1.75. [2788]

Morgan, T. J. Patriotic citizenship. N. Y., American Book Co., [1895.] c. 3-368 p. por. D. cl., \$1. [2789]

The essential feature is a catechism of about one hundred and forty short, direct questions, with as many concise, comprehensive answers, in which the author states clearly his own views on all the topics discussed. The text of the answers is followed by brief citations from a wide range of authorities, ancient and modern, but chiefly American. The topics are patriotism, the flag, the discovery, the colonists, civil liberty, labor, capital, etc. The object of the book is to stimulate patriotism. Intended for use in upper grammar grades.

***Morier, Ja.** The adventures of Hajji Baba, of Ispahan; il. by H. R. Millar; with introd. by G. Curzon. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 12°, (Macmillan's illustrated standard novels, no. 5.) cl., \$1.25. [2790]

Murray, Rev. Andrew. Let us draw nigh; the way of a life abiding continually in the secret of God's presence: meditations on Hebrews x., 19-25. Author's ed. N. Y., A. D. F. Randolph & Co., [1895.] 3-93 p. sq. S. cl., 50 c. [2791]

Neher, Bertha M. Among the giants: a story introducing six common giants. Chic., A. Flanagan, 1895. c. 122 p. D. cl., 50 c. [2792]

A story with a lesson; the giants are the faults and failings often belonging to the young—such as selfishness, carelessness, bad temper, little lies, etc.; with the aid of the fairies, Truth, Self-control, Obedience, Honesty, etc., the giants are in time slain. This is all worked into a pleasant story with boy and girl characters who are depicted as being transformed under the better influence of a gentle young girl into model young people.

Nehrling, H. North American birds; with 36 col. pl. after water-color paintings by Rob. Ridgway, A. Goering and Gustav Muetzel. In 16 pts. V. 2. Pt. 12. Milwaukee, Wis., G. Brumder, 1895. c. 145-192 p. Q. pap., \$1. [2793]

***New York.** Membership and religious corporations; by Robert C. Cumming and Frank B. Gilbert. N. Y. and Alb., Banks & Bros., [1895] c. 12+505 p. O. shp., net, \$3. [2794]

Cont. the new membership and church corporation laws, as revised by the statutory revision commission and enacted by the legislature of 1895, the former laws repealed thereby, and supplemental acts and code provisions relating to such corporations, thoroughly annot. with citations [etc.] together with forms.

North, Leigh, [pseud. for C. E. D. Phelps.] Allendale's choice: a village chronicle. Milwaukee, Wis., The Young Churchman Co., 1895. c. '94. 181 p. S. cl., net, 75 c. [2795]

First appeared as a serial in *The Living Church*. Sketches in story form some phases of clerical and parish life, drawn apparently from actual experience or close observation. Allendale, a little country town, needed a rector; the methods of three candidates taken on trial are described.

***Pember, G. H.** The great prophecies of the centuries concerning Israel and the Gen-

- tiles. N. Y. and Chic., Fleming H. Revell Co., 1895. 504 p. maps, 8°, cl., \$2.50. [2796]
- Pemberton, Max.** The little Huguenot: a romance of Fontainebleau. N. Y., Dodd, Mead & Co., 1895. c. 2-177 p. por. nar. S. cl., 75 c. [2797]
- In the time of Louis xv. of France, called the "well-beloved"; the desire of this corrupt monarch to possess Gabrielle de Vernet, the beautiful "little Huguenot" is the motive; Paul de Guyon, sent by the king to beguile Gabrielle into supping with him at the Chateau de Fontainebleau, loses his own heart. A charmingly idyllic love-story is the result, with a suspicion of tragedy at the end.
- Pickard, W: Lowndes.** Under the war flags of 1861: a romance of the South. Louisville, Ky., C: T. Dearing, 1895. c. '94. 3-372 p. D. cl., \$1.50. [2798]
- The scenes are characteristic of Southern life from Texas to the Potomac, though Georgia seems to be the main place of the plot. The "Old South" is described before the war, and the change it went through during the war with the results of 1861-1865. There is an interesting story woven in, with the many details of these past times.
- *Prestwich, Joseph.** On certain phenomena belonging to the close of the last geological period and on their bearing upon the tradition of the flood. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1895. 87 p. 8°, cl., \$1. [2799]
- *Reay, Martha, and Hackman, Ja.** The love letters of Mr. H. and Miss R., 1775-1779; ed. by Gilbert Burgess. Chic., Stone & Kimball, 1895. 239 p. 12°, cl., \$1.50. [2800]
- *Rossetti, Christina Georgina.** Verses; reprinted from "Called to the saints," "Time flies" and "The face of the deep." N. Y., E. & J. B. Young & Co., 1895. 236 p. 12°, cl., \$1.50. [2801]
- Sheldon, S:** Chapters on electricity: an introductory text-book for students in college. 2d ed.; with a course in electrical measurements. N. Y., C: Collins, [The Baker & Taylor Co., Agts.,] 1895. c. '91, '95. 6+351-472 p. O. cl., \$1.25. [2802]
- Silva, Gorham, [pseud. for Elizabeth Lawrence.]** The worm that ceased to turn. N. Y., J. S. Ogilvie Pub. Co., [1895.] c. 140 p. S. cl., 75 c. [2803]
- The painful experience of a middle-aged bachelor living in the country who takes a girl from the poorhouse as his wife. By the author of "An heroic sinner and the pilgrim spinster."
- Smith, Mrs. Alan P.** The key to the Bible diagram: an explanation of the chart, giving some particulars of its main features as an additional aid in simplifying the history of "the book of books"; with new rev. ed. of the diagram. Balt., Md., [sold by the author, Mrs. Alan P. Smith, 24 W. Franklin St.] 1895. 27+6 blank p. D. cl., net, \$1. [2804]
- The diagram, of which this book is an explanation, is a folded map, in pocket in the back of cover. It gives in outline on one page the history of the Bible.
- Somerset, H. Somers.** The land of the muskeg; with a preface by A. Hungerford Pollen; il. from sketches by A. H. Pollen and instantaneous photographs. N. Y., imported by J. B. Lippincott Co., 1895. 31+248 p. por. maps, O. cl., \$4. [2805]
- Description of a hunting trip for grizzly bears and other large game in Alberta, Athabasca and British Columbia. The region travelled over is largely unexplored and given over to the Indians and is controlled by the Hudson's Bay Company. The party consisted of two young Englishmen and two Americans who suffered many privations in their search for sport and adventure. The term "muskeg" is the Indian name given to the peculiar swampy soil of northwest Canada.
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HENRY THORPE, well known for a quarter of a century in the second-hand book trade, through his connection with the firms of Sabin and Luyster, has accepted a position with the newly incorporated firm, D. G. Francis & Co., where he will be pleased to welcome all of his many bookbuying friends.

FREDERICK SAUNDERS, librarian of the Astor Library, celebrated on the 13th inst. his eighty-eighth birthday. Mr. Saunders was born in London August 13, 1807. His father was the senior member of the firm of Saunders & Otley, book publishers, of London. At the age of thirty he was sent to this country to endeavor to influence such action by Congress as would prevent American piracy of English books. His attempts to this end were not successful. Mr. Saunders determined to remain in this country, and was engaged in various positions before becoming connected with the Astor Library, having served editorially on the *Evening Post* and having been employed by Harper & Brothers and George P. Putnam. In 1859 he was appointed assistant librarian of the Astor Library, and in 1876 librarian, where

he has continued ever since. He has for some time been writing a history of the Astor Library, which he did not intend for publication, but merely for presentation to the consolidated libraries.

NOTES ON CATALOGUES.

CATALOGUES OF NEW AND SECOND-HAND BOOKS.—*S. Calvary & Co.*, Berlin, Works in the exact sciences. (No. 174, 1746 titles.)—*W. O. Davie & Co.*, 224 E. 4th St., Cincinnati, O., U. S. Government reports, surveys, documents, state reports and publications, etc. (15 p. foolscap mss.)—*University of the State of New York*, Guide to the Study of James Abbott McNeill Whistler, comp. by Walter Greenwood Forsyth and Joseph Le Roy Harrison (State Library Bulletin, No. 1, 14 p. 8°, 5 cents.)—*Bernard Quaritch*, 15 Piccadilly, London, A little catalogue of geography, voyages, travels and Americana (200 p. 16°.)—*Raymer's Old Book Store*, 22 E. Second South St., Salt Lake City, Utah, Miscellaneous second-hand. (No. 1, 15 p. 12°.)—*Paul Stiehl*, 15 Queerstr., Leipzig, Kalender für 1896 (32 p.).

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Books for the "Weekly Record," as well as all information intended for that department, must reach this office by Tuesday morning of each week.

Publishers are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, as it is of the utmost importance that the entries of books be made as promptly and as perfectly as possible. In many cases booksellers depend on the WEEKLY solely for their information. The Record of New Publications of THE PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY is the material of "The American Catalogue" and so forms the basis of all trade bibliography in the United States.

"I hold every man a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help and an ornament thereunto."—LORD BACON.

CANADIAN COPYRIGHT.

At the concluding meeting of the sixth International Geographical Congress, held at the London Imperial Institute on the 3d inst., Mr. Hall Caine was commissioned to visit Ottawa, while in America, and "negotiate the settlement of the copyright controversy with Canada." If Mr. Caine can receive the assurance of support of the present home government, he will undertake the mission. In the meantime an agent of the Canadian government is in London seeking to effect a settlement of the question. The Commissioner was sent from Ottawa on invitation of the Rosebery government to confer with the Colonial office. He reached London after the Rosebery ministry had fallen, and is now in consultation with Mr. Chamberlain, the new Colonial Secretary—a minister in whom the Canadians are said to have especial confidence.

The question is one of importance, since it involves the whole principle of authors' ownership in their literary property. The Canadian parliament, it will be remembered, opened it by passing an act, in the interest of printers, compelling authors to apply for copyright at Ottawa, on the same conditions as in the United States, with the exceptions that simultaneous publication is not required, but a margin of 30 days is allowed, and that plates for printing books might be imported into Can-

ada free of duty. If, however, the copyright is not applied for, the Canadian printers may be licensed by parliament and print the work with the understanding that 10 per cent. royalty shall be paid the author. In other words, what Canada really proposes is not the recognition of authors' rights, but an enforcement of publishers' payments, on a scale determined by law, in contravention of all rights of the author.

British authors state that all this machinery for enforcing the collection of payments for British authors, so fair-seeming on the statute-book, breaks down absolutely in practice; but whether or not this be so, it has little bearing on the real question. The Canadian "royalty" plan is simply that wolf in sheep's clothing which had to be routed time and again by the friends of copyright in the United States before they could get a fair hearing for a real recognition of authors' rights.

The newspaper press, in referring to Mr. Caine's mission, reiterates the misstatement that the proposed Canadian act will enable Canadian printers to flood the market in the United States with cheap editions. This theory has been exploded time and again. Section 4956 of the United States Copyright act contains the following provision: "During the existence of such copyright the importation into the United States of any books . . . so copyrighted, or any edition or editions thereof, or any plates of the same not made from type set . . . within the limits of the United States, shall be, and it is hereby prohibited." This clause would pretty effectually prevent the Canadians from flooding the United States market with cheap reprints. There are to-day in Canada cheap editions of "Trilby" and some other popular books, selling at less than one-half the price of the same books in the United States. Yet the United States market is not "flooded" with Canadian cheap editions, simply because the law will not allow it.

The real danger is directly to British authors, because the Canadian plan would limit their control of their books to the United Kingdom exclusively, and indirectly to international copyright in the United States, because it would strengthen the hands of the American opponents of copyright. It must be confessed, however, that the Canadians have done no more than to copy the imperfections of our own international copyright act. It is to be hoped that the restrictions which were introduced into our law at the instance of the printers may sooner or later drop out as obstructive and no longer necessary—but the surrender of the English government to the Canadian plan would tend to retard that happy result indefinitely.

PUBLISHERS SWINDLED.

FOR two or three weeks the New York Central Office police have been receiving complaints regarding very considerable losses which well-known subscription-book publishing houses in New York have sustained through what seemed to be an organized lot of swindlers who professed to purchase books of their agents, and were not to be found when it came time to collect the money. The books, of course, also disappeared.

In response to a general alarm sent out regarding this matter, a man who says he is Henry Schneck, a clerk, 31 years old, of 222 East Eighty-fifth Street, was arrested on the 10th inst.

Schneck was found in Justin Cook's auction-rooms in 125th Street, where he had gone to collect \$135 which was due him as the result of a sale of books which Mr. Cook had made for him.

After the arrest of Schneck was made known at Police Headquarters, Central Office men went to Harlem, and at the same time there appeared there representatives of the publishing houses of Maxwell Sommerville & Co., D. Appleton & Co., the Johnson Publishing Company, and the Methodist Book Concern.

Each of these representatives recognized that their firm had contributed to the list of books which had been sold for Schneck.

Maxwell Sommerville & Co. had furnished "Encyclopædia Britannicas" to the value of \$87.50, D. Appleton & Co. the "American Cyclopædia" to the value of \$52, the Johnson Company the "Universal Encyclopædia," \$49, and the Methodist Book Concern a lot more. Schneck was remanded to the custody of the police, and when he found that he was fairly trapped he is said by the police to have told the manner in which the swindles were carried on.

There were eight principals in the gang, he said, and they have stolen thousands of dollars' worth of books. These men, or as many of them as could do so, became agents for the sale of valuable subscription-books.

Then they or others, posing as customers, pretended to buy the books. As soon as the works were delivered the pretended customers would take them to auction-rooms and have them sold, and then the gang would divide the proceeds.

In one locality, in Eighty-eighth Street, these swindling agents pretended to have found a great number of physicians, all of whom bought freely of expensive medical works.

After the Central Office men had got Schneck's story they started out after others of the gang. On the 11th inst. two more, Dr. Arthur Van Ness and Dr. Charles G. Wilhelmy, were arrested. Schneck says that he was one of the people who posed as buyers of the books.

In Philadelphia, F. L. Winter, *alias* Carroll, *alias* Hock, another of the gang, was arrested. The police there also seized eleven cases of books sent by Van Ness and Wilhelmy to Winter at Philadelphia. The books were found in the house of a Mrs. Chalfonte, at No. 40 North Eleventh St. On being searched there were found in Winter's possession three pawn tickets representing eighteen more books. Winter is held in Philadelphia to await the arrival of a New York officer.

Mr. H. W. Knight, of the Methodist Book Concern, who was instrumental in bringing the

swindlers to justice, says he has the names of all the members of the gang, but thinks it best not to make them public before the arrests have been made. The following, according to Mr. Knight, are some of the amounts that the firms have been swindled out of, in round figures: Methodist Book Concern, \$500; Werner & Co., \$750; D. Appleton & Co., \$500, and Maxwell Sommerville & Co., \$1600. These are only part, and it must be remembered that all this swindling has been done in the last ten days or two weeks.

"This matter will, I believe," said Mr. Knight to a *Tribune* reporter, "result in some sort of combination among the book firms. The plan has been talked of before, but things were never brought to a head. For protection from fake agents and swindlers of all sorts we need some regular system upon which we can all agree and work. This can only be done by an agreement or combination, and I think that such a combination will now be formed."

C. J. LONGMAN ON ENGLISH BOOK TRADE REFORM.

THE following important letter addressed by Mr. C. J. Longman to Mr. T. Burleigh, the Secretary of the Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland, explains itself and will no doubt be read with attention by all interested in the reform of the book trade:

370 OXFORD STREET, W., LONDON,
10th July, 1895.

GENTLEMEN,—I am requested by the Council to inform you that in reply to their invitation to publishers to meet them in friendly conference, a large proportion have readily consented. The meeting will, therefore, be held as early as possible after the holiday season, due notice of time and place to be hereafter given.

In the meanwhile the Council think it desirable to intimate that as first steps towards the improvement of the trade they invite the publishers to co-operate with booksellers upon these points:

1. That all books published at net prices be sold at the full price
2. That no greater discount than 25 per cent. be allowed upon books published on the old terms, and that steps be taken to enforce both these regulations.
3. That publishers recognize that immediate relief is necessary, by charging single copies of books published at 7s. 6d. and upwards at a net price, which would be equivalent to the net cost when the odd copy is taken with the usual discount at settlement.

(Signed for the Council) T. BURLEIGH.

LONDON, July 29, 1895.

To T. Burleigh, Hon. Sec. Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland.

SIR: At a small meeting of publishers held recently at Mr. Murray's house to discuss the [above] circular letter of July 10th of the Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland, I was requested by those present to bring to your notice a suggestion made by me at that meeting. I gladly take the opportunity of so doing—not, I confess, with any great hope of providing any solution of your difficulties, but rather with a view to defining what is practicable and what is not.

The difficulty, as I understand it, lies in the fact that, owing to the pressure of competition, the margin of profit in retail bookselling has been reduced to a minimum. Your society practically proposes as a remedy that a combination, or ring, should be formed among the retail trade to regulate the prices at which books should be sold to the public. As, however, there would be no sufficient power among the retail trade to enforce united action, an appeal is made to the publishers to join them,

and by a system of exclusive dealing to force the booksellers to sell to the public at certain specified rates.

The publishers would naturally be glad, if it were practicable, to relieve the booksellers from that pressure of competition which seems to be the common lot of humanity. The reasons, however, which in 1852 caused a similar attempt to fail are still operative, and it is improbable that a new "Booksellers' Association" established for this purpose would even be so long-lived as the one which was dissolved forty-three years ago in consequence of the decision of the arbitrators (Lord Campbell, Mr. Grote, and Dr. Milman) to whom the matter was referred.

In conducting the case before the arbitrators on behalf of the Booksellers' Association, my father, the late Mr. William Longman, stated that "he was perfectly willing to admit that such an institution as the Association could not be carried on without coercion," and the question referred to the arbitrators was "whether the Booksellers' Association should be carried on under its present (*i. e.*, coercive) regulations or not." In his decision Lord Campbell said: "We, having been solicited to act as referees in this matter, have not hesitated to do so, in the hope of rendering some service to the cause of literature. No question is put to us of law or morality. We are merely requested to say what, in our opinion, is reasonable or expedient."

In the course of a long decision, Lord Campbell said on behalf of the arbitrators:

"Such regulations seem, *prima facie*, to be indefensible, and contrary to the freedom which ought to prevail in commercial transactions. Although the owner of property may put what price he pleases upon it when selling it, the condition that the purchaser, after the property has been transferred to him and he has paid the purchase-money, shall not resell it under a certain price, derogates from the rights of ownership, which, as purchaser, he has acquired."

This doctrine, which seemed "reasonable and expedient" to Lord Campbell, Mr. Grote and Dean Milman forty years ago, does not seem less reasonable now. And it must be further remembered that the author would naturally consider that the man who sold his book cheapest was the man who deserved encouragement. This view was in fact taken by Charles Dickens, Dean Merivale, Thomas Carlyle, G. H. Lewes, and many other authors, in 1852, and no doubt the same view would be held by authors at the present time. It may, therefore, be taken that any ring or combination of booksellers and publishers, originated for the purpose of regulating prices to the public, and enforced by coercion or exclusive dealing, is altogether impracticable.

In the course of his decision Lord Campbell says: "Then we are reminded of the peculiarity that the publisher names the price at which the book is to be sold to the customer (which may be considered the maximum price), whereas the manufacturer in other trades entirely leaves the price to be paid by the customer to be fixed by the retail dealer. Some complain of this proceeding of the publisher as a grievance. But admitting the expediency of the publisher continuing to name a retail price at which the book is said to be published, this can only be as a guide, and cannot hinder the making of a fair bargain between the retail

dealer and the customer." The suggestion here that the publisher need not of necessity fix a retail price is worthy of consideration, especially now that the retail price is a merely nominal one, which hardly any customer pays so long as he is prepared with ready money. By departing from the system of selling at the retail price fixed by the publisher, the booksellers have in fact declared for free trade, for doing what they will with their own. Is not the time come, therefore, for considering whether the retail price should not be discontinued, and a wholesale price only being fixed by the publisher, the retailer be left to "make a fair bargain" with his customer? There is no doubt that this would in many ways simplify the system of trade. There are, of course, objections to it, but it may be worth discussing in order that the retail trade may express an opinion whether or not they prefer it to the present system.

It may be remarked that this system already obtains to some extent—for example, in the case of certain colonial libraries, and also in the case of certain large paper and special editions. It is as well, however, to state what appears to be the chief objection at once. The advertising of books is, and I think must remain, chiefly in the publishers' hands. But it is useless to advertise a book unless a price is fixed as a guide to the public. If, therefore, the retail price is to be abolished it would be necessary to advertise the wholesale price—to announce that a book is sold to the trade at three, four, or five shillings, or whatever the price might be. The retailer would then add such a profit as paid him, and no doubt the price would vary according to the geographical position and circumstances of the bookseller. This, indeed, is the case now, as, for instance, the same book is sold at different prices, say in Melbourne, at a West End London bookseller's, or at Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son's. The difference would lie in this, that the bookseller would become the sole judge of the price he was to charge for the wares he had bought, and, if the public did not like his price, they would have to go elsewhere. It is true that the bookseller would have to face the fact that his customer would know precisely what he had paid for the book. Practically, however, this is the case at present. The wholesale price of wheat also is advertised weekly, but the corn dealer charges his customer what he considers a fair price.

I hope, sir, that your society will recognize that I have brought this suggestion forward merely for the consideration of booksellers. I have endeavored to point out the impracticability of the remedy suggested for the present state of things. This alternative is, I believe, practicable, and would, I think, in some ways prove beneficial. It is for the booksellers to decide whether they consider it expedient. If, after taking counsel together, they approve of the scheme, I believe that publishers would be willing to meet them. If, on the contrary, they prefer the old ways, publishers will not wish to force on them a method which they do not approve. And in return it will not be unreasonable to expect that the existing suggestion—the suggestion of a ring to be supported by coercion—should also be dropped.

Your obedient servant,

C. J. LONGMAN.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEWS-DEALERS, BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS OF THE U. S.

THE thirteenth annual convention of the National Association of Newsdealers, Booksellers and Stationers of the United States was called to order on the 13th inst. at 12 o'clock in Wilson's Assembly Rooms, Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., by President M. F. Moy, of Pawtucket, R. I. About sixty delegates from different parts of the United States were present, among the associations represented being the New York Newsdealers' and Stationers' Protective and Benevolent Association, the Brooklyn, the Providence District, the Rhode Island, the Philadelphia and the Newark Newsdealers' Protective and Benevolent associations, the Northwestern Booksellers' and Newsdealers' Association and the Virginia Booksellers' Association.

Among the delegates present were H. J. Hummel, Willard Brett, Newark; C. Van Husen, P. Cadley, J. Eck, Alexander Beggs, Joseph Morris, N. Frank, S. Wernberg, M. Scribner, J. J. Jackson, J. Mach, Mrs. Broughton, John E. McBride, New York City; Alex. McNie, Winona, Minn.; Charles Crissey, St. Paul; W. H. Hoffstot, Beatrice, Neb.; J. H. J. Reilley, Frank A. Salisbury, C. A. Bartschmann, J. M. Levenson, F. F. Matthews, A. P. Linn, Providence; P. F. Madigan, Lancaster, Pa.; B. Lewis, T. J. Colverwell, Boston; Miss E. Denroche, Belmont, N. Y.; M. Nussbaum, Norfolk, Va.; F. S. Gordon, New London, Conn.; L. D. Plum, Bridgeport, Conn.; C. W. Wildermuth, Pottsville, Pa.; and W. J. Sheldon, Re ding, Pa. Among those invited to attend were John J. Daly, editor of *The Newsman*, John Swinton the well-known journalist, J. S. Ogilvie, Simon Brentano and a representative of the *North American Review*.

Charles D. Raymer, of Minneapolis, Minn., secretary of the Northwestern Association, in the absence of Mr. Lunt, the regular secretary of the National Association, acted as secretary. Mr. Moy, in his address of welcome, said that there was a great deal of business to be transacted before the conference was brought to a close. The principal object of the convention, he explained, was to formulate some means whereby the booksellers and newsdealers of the entire country may protect themselves from the competition of the large department stores.

Chairman McBride, of the New York Association, said the department stores were slowly but surely ruining the business of the booksellers. "They are encroaching upon our interests," said he, "with the intention of ultimately wiping us out altogether. We must recognize the fact that the department store has come to stay and the additional fact that it is supplied with unlimited capital. The best, and I may say the only way, to meet the department store is to organize on the same plan as that followed in putting together and building up the German Booksellers' League."

Other addresses followed, and then the routine work of the convention commenced. Several unimportant changes and corrections in the by-laws and constitution were made.

In the evening the delegates were driven in stages through Broadway, Fifth Avenue and Central Park to Cosmopolitan Park, in Har-

lem, where the New York Newsdealers' and Stationers' Protective and Benevolent Association's annual picnic was held. The picnic was an enjoyable affair. The pavilion on the grounds was lighted up and the floor was crowded with dancers. Supper was served, and speeches were made by John E. McBride and J. P. Mack, of New York; P. J. Henzel, of Albany; P. F. Madigan, of Lancaster, Pa.; Edward E. McCarthy, of Winsted, Conn., and others.

The second day's session was called to order shortly before noon. Routine business occupied the attention of the convention almost exclusively, and none of the questions that were to be brought to its attention came up for action.

The following letter from Mr. H. B. Nims, of Troy, N. Y., was read and received with acclamation:

TROY, N. Y., August 12, 1895.

Mr. John E. McBride Chairman Committee National Newsdealers', Booksellers' and Stationers' Association.

DEAR SIR: I cannot be present at the Convention of the National Association to-morrow. However, having been in the retail book business for 49 years, it is not necessary for me to assure you that I feel very much interested in the result of the meeting; and I shall take the liberty to suggest some changes in the conduct of the book trade, which may be adopted with the reasonable expectation of good results.

First: The present retail prices of books should be wholly abolished. It is these fictitious retail prices, not demanded by any up-to-date bookseller, which make the department stores strongest point. The daily papers in their advertising columns teem with the announcements that the latest new book, sold by all booksellers at \$1.50, is on our counter at, say \$1.08, whereas the bookseller sells it for \$1.20. This style of bare-face untrue statements largely influence the buyer, and the bookseller is powerless to counteract it.

Second: Let the publisher, having cut down the retail prices, say 25%, then make the discount to the retail trade 20% off—6% 10 days, or 5% 30 days; and to the jobber 25% off—6% 10, or 5% 30 days.

Third: The publishers to agree that they will not sell their books, in any instance, but to the retail trade, leaving the supplying of libraries, schools, boards of education, and all mail orders to the retail trade. This the retailer absolutely wants, and must have, if the publisher wants intelligent booksellers to continue in the trade, and serve as the distributors of their publications.

Fourth: Booksellers should be required in all cases to sustain full prices, except that they might be allowed to discount say 5% for cash purchases. The adoption of a strictly cash system by booksellers may not be possible, but the credit system is altogether too prevalent in the retail book trade now when the department stores sell exclusively for cash.

Fifth: Let the publishers, whose numbers are few, form an association to comprise also a reasonable representation of retail booksellers, and establish rules for the conduct of the book trade, with penalties that may be agreed upon, and that can be enforced.

I cannot see why the publishers cannot, at least, assist in laying down rules for the sustaining of *their own* prices, as well as manufacturers of typewriters, Columbia bicycles, and some brands of collars and cuffs. Always assuming that they will sustain them themselves.

If some arrangement to which publishers and retail booksellers are parties cannot be agreed upon, and at once, my advice to the retail book trade is to get out of business just as soon as they can. I am, as ever,

Respectfully yours, H. B. NIMS.

Among the resolutions presented and adopted were the following:

WHEREAS, It is understood that George Munro's Sons are about to publish two millions of books for advertising purposes, to be distributed free all over the country, thus doing great harm to all dealers in paper-covered books, be it

Resolved, That this Association respectfully protest against such action as detrimental to the interests of the Association.

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as being antagonistic to all publishers who make use of clubbing lists or other special offers through their publications.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to consult with the publishers of *The Cosmopolitan*,

McClure's Magazine, and the other low priced magazines, and try to get them to deal direct with the trade on the same price and condition as *Peterson's Magazine* is now sold.

The following officers were elected: President, Michael F. Moy, of Pawtucket, R. I.; first vice-president, P. J. Barry, of Brooklyn; second vice-president, Alex. McNie, of Winona, Minn.; secretary, A. P. Linn, of Providence, R. I.; treasurer, F. A. Salisbury, of Providence, R. I.; sergeant-at-arms, B. Lewis, of Boston. *Executive Committee*: P. J. Henzel, of Albany, chairman; A. Jorke, of Brooklyn; H. J. Hummell, of Newark; Thos. Quinn, of New York City; and P. F. Madigan, of Lancaster, Pa.

The next annual convention is to take place on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in August, 1896, either in Boston or Providence.

In the evening a banquet was given in the hall, at which nearly one hundred were present. P. J. McGrath, of Brooklyn, presided. William Cullen Bryant, of *The Brooklyn Times*, responded to the toast, "The Publisher and the Newsdealer." Mr. Bryant brought out in a forcible manner the close relations existing between the two, and urged a more thorough organization on the part of the Brooklyn newsdealers. Herbert F. Gunnison, of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, spoke to "The City of Brooklyn." Mr. Gunnison dwelt at length upon the evils of the present "return" system practised by the newsdealers. He said that New York papers suffered more than those of Brooklyn. H. L. Bridgman, of the *Standard-Union*, spoke on "The Press," and said that the publishers were anxious to see the newsdealers organized everywhere for the protection of their interests. "Our Sister Association" was responded to by A. P. Linn, the new secretary of the National Association. Judge Green, the Brooklyn elocutionist, was one of the guests of honor.

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HOSEA E. HOLT VS. EDGAR O. SILVER ET AL.

JUDGE KNOWLTON, in the Supreme Judicial Court, Boston, Mass., on the 23d ult. entered an interlocutory decree in the equity suit of Hosea E. Holt vs. Edgar O. Silver et al. The suit was brought by the plaintiff, half-owner in certain copyrights for books and charts constituting the "Normal Music Course," against Silver, Burdett & Co., publishers, and James W. Tufts, the other half-owners thereof, to terminate a contract made by the owners with the said publishers in 1886, and to restore the plaintiff to his rights to publish the work, and also for an accounting for profits that accrued to him under the contract. By giving a two years' notice in writing either party to the contract could terminate it. This plaintiff gave such a notice, the two years ending September 1, 1894, but the defendant, Silver, purchased the half interest in the copyrights owned by French, and claimed the plaintiff could not effectually terminate the contract by that notice, the owner of the half interest not having joined in the notice.

The decree is to the effect:

"That the contract made by the defendant, John W. Tufts, and the plaintiff, with D. Appleton & Company, . . . was cancelled by

the parties and not assigned by D. Appleton & Company, and that no other contract was made which would give to the plaintiff the exclusive right of publishing the 'Normal Music Course';

"That the contracts made between the plaintiff and the defendant Edgar O. Silver, and between John W. Tufts and the plaintiff as parties of the first part, and said defendant Silver, as party of the second part, . . . were terminated on the first day of September, 1894, by the notice given to said defendant Silver and the defendants Silver, Burdett & Company in July, 1892, . . . and that it is therefore unnecessary to determine whether said contracts were terminated by the assignment from Silver and the firm Silver, Burdett & Company to the corporation of Silver, Burdett & Company or not.

"That the plaintiff on the one hand, and the defendant Edgar O. Silver, as the assignee and equitable owner of the interest of the defendant Tufts on the other hand, are respectively each the owner of one-half of each and all of the copyrights of all the books and charts constituting the 'Normal Music Course,' and that each half-owner has an equal right of publishing under said copyrights;

"And the defendants are ordered to transfer, assign and convey to the plaintiff one-half of each and all of said copyrights standing in their names or in the name of either of them.

"That the contracts . . . did not debar the defendants from the right of publishing the 'Cecilian Series of Study and Song' written by the defendant Tufts and published by the other defendants.

"That the publication and sale by the plaintiff, to the extent which was done of his book and charts entitled 'H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music, First Reader,' and charts published under the general title or as a part of H. E. Holt's 'New and Improved Normal Course in Music,' before the termination of the contracts on September 1, 1894, was such a breach of the said contracts as would be a ground of recoupment in an accounting for copyright percentages under the contracts, but not such a breach or wrong as would deprive the plaintiff of the benefit of his said notice to terminate the contracts;

"That the cause be referred to Marcus Morton, Special Master, to state the amounts due to the plaintiff from the defendants, or either of them, under the contracts dated September 1, 1886, . . . and stating the amount due to September 1, 1894;

"To state the amount of injury sustained by the defendants prior to September 1, 1894, from the publication by the plaintiff of the book entitled 'H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music, First Reader,' and his said charts, or other breach of said contract;

"To state the number of sets of stereotype plates in the possession of the defendants, and used in or for the publication of the 'Normal Music Course' and the value thereof.

"And for the better discovery of the matters aforesaid, the parties are to produce before the said Master upon oath all books, papers and writings in their power relating thereto, and are to be examined as the said Master shall direct.

"With his findings of fact, the Master shall report such parts of the evidence as either of the parties may request."

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE BLAKISTON METHOD QUESTIONED.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 3, 1895.

To the Editor of *The Publishers' Weekly*.

DEAR SIR: Should the system of discounts inaugurated by Messrs. P. Blakiston, Son & Co. become a general practice the result would not be as favorable to the booksellers at large as some of the enthusiastic Eastern dealers imagine.

The problem of discounts and retail prices in a country as large as the United States cannot be settled by placing all dealers on an equal basis. Conditions, such as distance from publishing centre, freight rates, etc., etc., must be taken into consideration in order to arrive at a condition of affairs which will not only regulate the price of the books, but permit the bookseller to live.

Should the publishers in general adopt a net discount of, say, 25 per cent., it would result in the booksellers west of the Rockies dropping out of the business. It must be kept in mind that while the Eastern dealer near New York can order his books one day and receive them by express, at a low rate, the next, the San Francisco bookseller has to wait from twenty-five to thirty days before the stock ordered can reach him; this necessitates ordering larger quantities and taking greater risks than the Eastern dealer. Then again, if a book is in demand it must be ordered out by mail (even then it takes twelve days), at an expense of from 10 to 15 per cent.; the postage bill of the larger Western bookseller under these conditions is simply appalling. It is hardly to be wondered that, under such conditions, books are sold in San Francisco at full retail prices by the booksellers, and a cut is made of 10 per cent. only by some of the dry-goods houses on a few leading items, and, even at retail prices, we have not yet heard of any booksellers having made a fortune. Perhaps a solution of the matter would be the making of a sliding schedule of discounts—depending on the bookseller's environment—retail prices fixed by the publisher, and the supplying to dealers only under contract that the retail price be maintained. Whether this plan would work satisfactorily remains to be seen. It is perfectly evident, however, that the present method of giving Eastern dealers the same rates as those three thousand miles away from publishing centre is far from satisfactory.

Yours truly,

JAS. F. MASON.

OBITUARY NOTES.

GEORGE F. ROOT, the musical composer, died on the 7th inst. at Bailey's Island, near Portland, Me. He was born in Sheffield, Mass., in 1820. He will no doubt be best recalled as the author of such sentimental and patriotic songs as "Hazel Dell," "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower," "Battle Cry of Freedom," "Just Before the Battle, Mother," "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," "The Old Folks Are Gone," "A Hundred Years Ago," "Old Potomac Shore," and the well-known quartet, "There's Music in the Air." Dr. Root founded the Chicago music publishing house of Root & Cady about twenty years ago. For a time it

did a tremendous business, but the enterprise was not a lasting success.

BARON CHRISTIAN BERNARD TAUCHNITZ died in Leipzig on the 14th inst. He was born in Schleinitz, near Naumberg, in 1816, of an old family of booksellers and printers. Karl Tauchnitz, half a century before, had made himself famous for his cheap editions of the classics. In 1837 Bernard Tauchnitz founded an independent establishment, and in 1841 began the publication of a series of works by English authors, which made him as celebrated as his editions of the classics and his Hebrew and Greek Bibles. At that time there was no international copyright, yet he resolved to obtain the sanction of the authors to the republication of their works, and to pay them for permission to include them in his series. In order to mark his appreciation of the endeavors of Tauchnitz to familiarize Germany with the masterpieces of all literatures, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, uncle of the present Duke, raised him to the rank of Baron. In 1872 Tauchnitz was appointed British Consul-General for the kingdom of Saxony, and in 1876 for the other Saxon principalities. In 1877 he was called to the House of Peers of Saxony by the King. He lived on his estate near Leipzig, and was known throughout the world as the bookseller Baron.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

The Rebuke is the title of a new religious and reform magazine published by T. P. Jarnagin, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mlle. New York is the title of a new fortnightly journal of a decided decadent character, unconventional in text and illustrations. "Jimmie Fadden" and Hamlin Garland are among the contributors to the first number.

The Colonial Magazine, devoted to the interests of the patriotic organizations of America, is the title of a new monthly published at No. 114 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at \$2.50 per year, or 25 cents a number.

THE JENSON PRESS, Philadelphia, has just issued the second volume of *Moods*, a quarterly "book wherein the author and artist pleaseth himself." The number contains contributions by Harrison S. Morris, Bertram G. Goodhue, Ralph Adams Cram, Owen Wister, Kate Chopin, Colin A. Scott, John Luther Long, Blanche Dillaye, Constance G. Alexander, Henry A. Ingram, Harvey M. Watts, Philip Hale, and Howard Fremont Stratton. The drawings of a number of the illustrations are made by the authors of the text, with the exception of John Sloan, who made an initial for Miss Chopin's sketch. Generally the artistic efforts suggest nightmare. *Moods* is edited by E. St. Elmo Lewis, a young man, yet in his early twenties. He comes of an old Pennsylvania family of distinction, there being among his ancestors on both sides of the house several Revolutionary figures, while his mother was a great-grandniece of John Bartram, known as the "first botanist of America." Mr. Lewis is the director of a large art printing establishment in Philadelphia, acts as the business manager of a weekly journal devoted to theatricals, sports and amusements, and is the managing director of the technical department of the Jenson Press, the new publishing concern.

BUSINESS NOTES.

ALBION, MICH.—J. L. Meader & Son, booksellers, have sold out to Geo. W. Craver.

ASPEN, COL.—Ad Rucker has opened a book and stationery store here.

CARMI, ILL.—W. J. Partridge, bookseller, has sold out to Herbert Pomeroy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—George Sherwood & Co., dealers in school-books, have sold out.

DANVILLE, VA.—T. H. Averett, bookseller, has sold out to R. W. Blair and J. Overton Boatwright. The new firm will remove to larger quarters and increase its plant.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Judgment has been rendered against the estate of G. Scharff, bookseller, for \$100.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—George S. Wilson and Fred Warde, two of the best known and most popular salesmen in Florida, who have been connected with Drew's Book Store for several years, have branched out in business for themselves, and have opened a store at DaCosta's Printing House, on Main Street. The new firm, Wilson & Warde, will deal in books and stationery of all kinds. We wish them a successful business career.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN.—Range & Co., booksellers, are reported to have sold out.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—E. A. Burnton has severed his connection as manager of Buxton & Skinner's Kansas City branch house. He has been identified with the stationery business of Kansas City for the last thirteen years, and was for nine years the manager of the retail stationery department of M. H. Dickinson & Co. In March, 1894, he opened a branch house for Buxton & Skinner, of St. Louis, the business of which has been growing steadily. The blank-book and printing house of Tiernan & Havens decided to put in a stock of office stationery and supplies, and Mr. Burnton now goes with it as the manager of this new department.

MANHATTAN, KAN.—W. R. Spilman and Albie Long will open a book and stationery store here September 1.

NEW YORK CITY.—The J. F. Tapley Co. has been incorporated to do bookbinding and make books and deal in stationers' supplies; capital, \$15,000. Directors—J. F. Tapley, A. C. Wessman, and Elizabeth M. Tapley, of New York City.

NORFOLK, VA.—S. W. Bowman, bookseller, has been succeeded by Bowman & Hare.

OKLAHOMA, OKL. TER.—J. W. Nicely, bookseller, has retired from business.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The firm of Porter & Coates has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Robert Porter retiring. The business will hereafter be conducted by Henry T. Coates, under the firm name of Henry T. Coates & Co.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—James D. Gill, the well-known stationer and bookseller, has leased his Main and Bridge Street corner, and is now selling out his stock preparatory to leaving the business, after which he will devote himself again exclusively to the sale of oil, water color and pastel paintings, both American and foreign.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

WM. HEINEMANN has in preparation a library edition of the works of Lord Byron, which will be edited by W. E. Henley.

LONGMANS, GREEN & Co. will publish in the fall Rider Haggard's novel, "Joan Haste," with illustrations by Mr. T. S. Wilson, which has been appearing serially in the *Pall Mall Magazine*.

AN international conference has been called to meet in Brussels in October to protest against the circulation of immoral literature. Jules Lemon and M. Beernaert, the Belgian Minister of State, are promoting the project.

MRS. HUMPHRY WARD'S "The Story of Bessie Costrell" is about to be dramatized, and will be put upon the stage of one of our prominent theatres this fall. It may be of interest to know that "The Story of Bessie Costrell" is founded on an incident that actually occurred. It is rumored that Mrs. Ward has nearly finished another work of fiction that may appear before many months are over.

UNDER the title "The Bookhunter in London," W. Roberts, editor of *The Bookworm*, will issue before the end of the year a volume of historical and personal studies of book-collectors and book-collecting. It will be fully illustrated, and will form a companion work to the English translation of Octave Uzanne's "Physiologie des Quais de Paris," published in English under the title of "The Bookhunter in Paris."

SILVER, BURDETT & COMPANY will publish about September first, "The Vacant Chair and Other Poems," by Henry Stevenson Washburn. "The Vacant Chair" is one of the most tender and touching poems of the war, and forms the initial poem in this collection. The volume will be illustrated. The same house announces an edition of Milton's "Minor Poems," edited by James Thomas, of the English High School, Boston; and another volume in their *Sprague Series of English Classics*, "The Vicar of Wakefield," edited by Homer B. Sprague.

THE W. F. ADAMS COMPANY, Springfield, Mass., are now pressing to completion the three volumes in the popular *Picturesque* series (begun and carried through Berkshire and the three Connecticut Valley counties by the Picturesque Publishing Company of Northampton), which are devoted to "Picturesque Worcester." These volumes, announced in 1893, have been under the charge of Elbridge Kingsley, the celebrated painter-engraver. A considerable corps of photographers and engravers have been employed in the illustration of the scenery and the buildings of this extensive county, and the publishers have made efforts to secure fitting letterpress, under competent editors. The several volumes of the Worcester book will be entitled "Worcester; City and Environs"; "Worcester—North," and "Worcester—South." The publication of the volumes will be superintended by Charles F. Warner, of Northampton, who has edited and managed all the other books of his series. The Worcester City volume will be issued about September 1, that of North Worcester a month later, and the South Worcester volume will follow soon.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

Under the heading "Books Wanted," subscribers only are entitled to a free insertion of five lines for books out of print, exclusive of address (in any issue except special numbers), to an extent not exceeding 100 lines a year. If more than five lines are sent, the excess is at 10 cents per line, and amount should be enclosed. Bids for current books and such as may be easily had from the publishers, and repeated matter, as well as all advertisements from non-subscribers, must be paid for at the rate of 10 cents per line.

Under the heading "Books for Sale," the charge to subscribers and non-subscribers is 10 cents per line for each insertion. No deduction for repeated matter.

Under the heading "Situations Wanted," subscribers are entitled to one free insertion of five lines. For repeated matter and advertisements of non-subscribers the charge is 10 cents per line.


All other small advertisements will be charged at the uniform rate of 10 cents per line. Eight words may be reckoned to the line.


Parties with whom we have no accounts must pay in advance, otherwise no notice will be taken of their communications.

Parties desiring to receive answers to their advertisements through this office must either call for them or enclose postage stamps with their orders for the insertion of such advertisements. In all cases we must have the full address of advertisers as a guarantee of good faith.

Houses that are willing to deal only on a cash-on-delivery basis will find it to their advantage to put after their firm-name the word [Cash].

BOOKS WANTED.

 In answering, please state edition, condition, and price, including postage or express charges.

 Write your wants plainly and on one side of the sheet only. Illegibly-written "wants" will be considered as not having been received.

The editor does not hold himself responsible for errors in this department, as his time for proof-reading is limited to the briefest glance.

American Baptist Pub. Soc., 177 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Letters of Buckingham to Prince Albert. 1842.

William Cave's Primitive Christianity. London, 1849.

American Book Co., N. Y.

A Fisherman's Daughter, by F. Montgomery.

American Press Co., Baltimore, Md.

Bret Harte, 1st ed. of earlier stories.
Dickens and Thackeray: mag. articles, clippings, books about them.

Book Plates; examine old books.

Siderial Messenger, nos. 6, 24, 31, 50-7-8, 60.

N. J. Bartlett & Co., 28 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

Gov. Winslow's Memoirs, v. 1, 1877; v. 2, 1888.

Aldrich's Poems, with Portrait. N. Y., 1862.

Hutchinson's Mass. Bay.

Grant White's Shakspeare Scholar.

W. E. Benjamin, 10 W. 22d St., N. Y.

South Sea Bubbles.

E. A. Poe, A Memorial Vol., by Sarah S. Rice.

A Legal Wreck, Gillett.

The Book Shop, 169 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Official Records of the Rebellion, all published.

Brandon Mystery, Reynolds.

Review of Reviews, v. 1, 2, 3.

Appleton's Journal, v. 10, old ser.

Fire Companies, anything on.

Anything on Criminals, Police or Detective Work.

Cora and the Doctor, Leslie.

N. A. Review, Oct., '74; Jan., '75; July, '75; Oct., '76; Oct., '79.

The Book Shop, 396 Bond St., Cleveland, O.

At Thirteen. A Juvenile.

Blavatsky, Secret Doctrine.

"The Key.

Bailey, Succession to the English Crown.

Burton, Pilgrimage to Mecca.

Moore, Mummer's Wife.

Social Damnation.

Balzac, After Dinner Stories.

Norris, Bachelor's Blunder, 2 copies.

Lang, Prince Prigle, 1st ed. Longmans, G. & Co.

Life of Mme. Guyon.

Legends of the Flowers, Fireside Ser.

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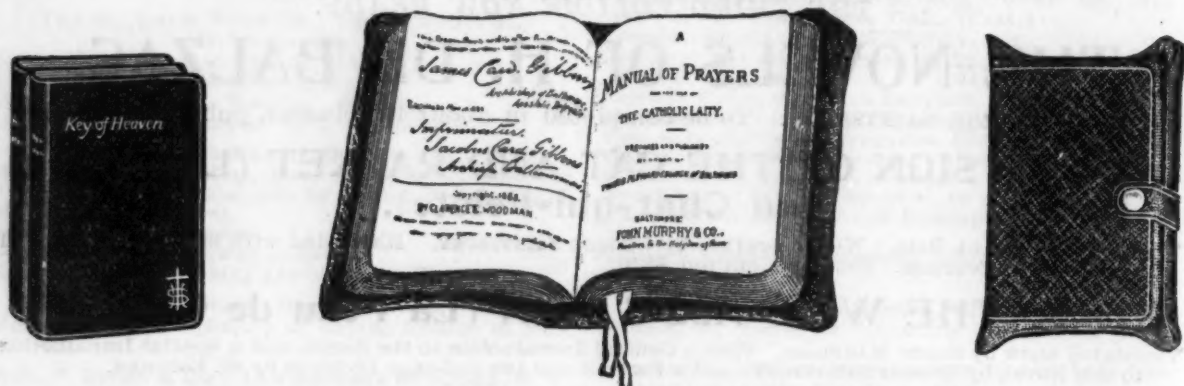
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